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Ministerial Groups Challenge White Editor's Views On Bars To Desegregation In South



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CHARGES MILAM KILLED 4

Today's Teenagers, Tomorrow's Leaders:

Already Busy Doing Things, BTW Leaders Look Ahead To Future

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Their eyes peering unblinkingly into the brightness of tomorrow's promises, Memphis teenagers are seeking out the how and why, they're getting things done — and best of all, they seem to be bent on going some place.

That impression was gained at Booker T. Washington



LAFAYETTE SEYMOUR is president of the student council and science club at Booker T. Washington High school.

wants to be a chemist. He's now trying to win a competitive scholarship. — (Newson Photo).

High school where the Tri-State Defender talked with a number of student leaders on the first leg of a swing around the high school circuit.

LAFAYETTE SEYMOUR
Take a fellow like studious appearing Lafayette Seymour, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seymour, of 974-H McDowell. A senior, he's president of both the important student council at Booker T. and the active science club. Faculty advisor for the council is Mrs. Beulah Williams, Spanish teacher, and William Lowe, chemistry teacher, and Leon Griffin, biology, are advisors for the chemistry club.

"The student council," as Seymour sees it, "is next to the faculty in upkeep of the campus. It gives us a voice, a chance to practice democracy for use later in life."

STUDENT-WIDE ELECTION
Most of the school connected programs sponsored by student groups come under the council and are scheduled early in the year by the organization. A council president is elected in student-wide balloting and serves one year.

In the science club, the president gets a two-year term. To qualify for this organization a student must have taken at least three years of science courses. One of the major projects of the club each year is an annual program in March in which members give a dramatic review of the work covered by science classes between the ninth and twelfth grades.

Being elected president of the science club was a big thing for Seymour because he plans to go into chemistry as a life work. He intends to enroll this September at Tennessee State university.

TRYING FOR AWARDS

Right now Seymour is busy conducting two scientific experiments, one of which he hopes will win him a scholarship from the General Electric company. One is a study of organic purification of amino acids and the other the fractional distillation of crude petroleum.

Presently he leans to the latter as the one to do a 1,000-word essay on to enter in competition for a scholarship.

Seymour plays guard on the basketball team and played tennis about two years when the court was open at LeMay college. He likes public speaking and last year won third place in the WDIA "I



MISS JACQUELYNE WASHINGTON, a junior and president of library club, thinks she will major in mathematics but hasn't decided on a college. Doesn't believe in going steady. — (Newson Photo).

Speak For Democracy Contest." He is a member of the Central Baptist church where he sings in the choir and belongs to the Hi-Y, Motor club and Honor Society. Seymour likes his music on the popular kick and believes in going steady with Miss Mildred Hampton, a junior.

Then there's Willie Shotwell, also

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YMCA Policy On Political Group

Earle L. Whittington, general secretary of Metropolitan YMCA, told members of the board of management of the Abe Scharf YMCA last week that it is the policy of the YMCA not to permit "political groups" to hold meetings in the branches.

Mr. Whittington made the statement at a special meeting of the Abe Scharf branch called to hear the general secretary's side of the issue of banning the NAACP from meeting in the building.

Charges Milam Killed 4

By RICHARD B. HENRY

DETROIT — In a statement made first to the Michigan Chronicle and then to the Detroit N. A. A. C. P., a young Leland college-trained Baptist minister has accused J. W. Milam, acquitted Emmett Till lyncher, of slaying his mother, stepfather and two younger brothers.

Making the accusation is Rev. Benjamin E. Love, 33, formerly of Newark, N. J., who said the quadruple murder occurred during early 1955 in the woods just outside of Milam's Mississippi plantation.

Reverend Love said he made a full report of the incident to both the Newark and Detroit offices of the FBI in October when he learned of the incident.

FBI DOES NOTHING
But Justice Department in Washington which received the

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Accused Slayer Denied Bond In Miss. Hearing

SUMNER, Miss.—Elmer Kimball, the white man accused of murdering Clinton Melton, a service attendant here, was refused bond at a hearing last week, and sat in jail to await action of a grand jury three months from now.

Circuit Judge Curtis Swango, who presided during the famous Emmett Till murder trial, denied Kimball's request for bond.

Defense Counsel J. W. Kellum, said he would not appeal the decision since the grand jury will meet in March and he could not get a decision on an appeal earlier than that.

The charge against Kimball specifies he shot Clinton Melton to death Dec. 3 in nearby Glendora, Miss. Kimball claimed self-defense contending Melton tried to ambush him at the service station where Melton worked.

Station owner Leo McGarrh testified at a preliminary hearing that Kimball shot without provocation.

Then there's Willie Shotwell, also

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Youth Cited For Bravery



FOR BRAVERY — John Wesley Roe, 18-year-old Memphis State college student who risked his life in a flaming shack to save the lives of three young children, was presented a \$25 bond last week and was named winner of an Elks' scholarship worth \$1,000. Mrs. Hazel Jackson Lee, business manager for the Alpha Omicron chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho at LeMay college, presents the bond in the Tri-State Defender offices while Mrs. Rosa M. Ford, past basileus of the graduate chapter looks on. Lt. George W. Lee, grand commissioner of education for the IBPOEW announced the award from the Elks. (Withers Photo)

Heroic White Youth Awarded For Rescue

All soft-spoken John Wesley Roe figured he was doing the day he went twice into a flaming frame house and pulled three young boys to safety "was about what anyone else would have done under the same circumstances."

That's the way the 18-year-old Memphis State college freshman spoke of his courageous deed Saturday as he was presented a \$25 War Bond from the Alpha Omicron chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority in a brief ceremony at the Tri-State Defender.

It was also announced Saturday by Lt. George W. Lee, Grand commissioner of education for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World, that Mr. Roe is among 47 white and Negro students who have been given scholarships worth \$1,000 by the Elks for 1955-56.

ANNUAL AWARD
The war bond, presented by Mrs. Hazel Jackson Lee, business manager for the sorority, represented the organization's annual award to some youth for an "outstanding achievement." Last year's award went to Davis Norris, the Grant school student who saved the life of a young white boy who got in trouble when he fell into the drainage ditch. Miss Meryl Perkins is basileus of the undergraduate chapter.

Mr. Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roe, of 4273 Shelby

dr., was fighting grass fires near his home with a brother, James Roe, 10, and two other friends, Jimmy Aaron and Sonny Morris, when they noticed the home

The kitchen was on fire and the roof was blazing.

But when Roe heard the cries of the small children inside he didn't hesitate. He rushed in and found one child just inside the door, another in a baby bed. He brought them out.

ONE LEFT BEHIND
Then he heard cries again from the house and went back in. Feeling his way through the dense smoke by the cries of the boy, Roe located the child, in what the mother of the children, Mrs. Cora Sanders, later told him was a clothes closet.

The rescued children are Garvin, 5; Jimmy, 3, and Gerald, 1. Roe is taking economics at Memphis State. He played frosh and sophomore football in high school and is a Boy Scout. He attends Capleville Methodist church.

the Illinois Central Railroad station here, there has been no apparent effort in the major train and bus terminals to comply with the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission that forced separate facilities for interstate passengers is illegal. In Memphis the Il-

linois Central station painted over signs denoting race, as seen in photo left which formerly read "Colored Waiting Room." Only designating signs noticed at the station was on a cafeteria. It was learned Negro passengers had used the waiting room formerly labeled

"White Waiting Room." At Union station, photo second from left, signs remained as always, neither removed nor painted over. The same thing appeared true at the major bus terminals. The "White Waiting Room" sign was made at the Greyhound Lines company, 209

growing out of the defiance of the rule had been reported in the South at press time but it was expected there would be a rash of them before some Southern cities give up separate facilities for "all" passengers. (Withers Photo)

Baptist Pastors Group Of Memphis, Ministers Conference Takes Action

EDITORS NOTE: The Negro Baptist Pastors Alliance of Memphis and the Negro Baptist Ministers Conference, representing 200 ministers in the Tri-State area and a constituency of 50,000 communicants released a statement last week which challenged an article on desegregation that appeared

in a national magazine. The article, entitled "The Southern Case Against Desegregation," written by Thomas R. Waring, white, editor of the Charleston (S.C.) News and Courier, was published in the January edition of Harper's magazine. Excerpts were published in a local daily. The ministers took

issue with the editor over his assertion of five differences between the two races which "do not encourage white parents to let their children mingle with Negro children in school." Following is the statement released by the ministerial groups to the Tri-State Defender and Harper's magazine:

In the issue of the Commercial Appeal of January 3rd on page 21 there appeared an article under the caption: "Northern Press Hit By Southern Editor" in which Thomas R. Waring, editor of the Charleston (S.C.) News and Courier, set forth several statements that should not

go unchallenged. This news story was based on an article written by Mr. Waring for Harper's Magazine entitled "The Southern Case Against Desegregation," published in the January Edition.

"FIVE DIFFERENCES"
Mr. Waring is quoted as saying that "there were five differences between the Negro and White race that do not encourage white parents to let their children mingle freely with Negro children in school." The differences are listed as follows: (1) Health; (2) Home Environment; (3) Marital Habits; (4) Crime; (5) Intellectual Development.

One would ordinarily think that Editor Waring is not a Southerner. Under the point of health he states that, the "incidence of venereal disease" in Negroes that make white parents afraid to "take risks of any kind with their children." How inconsistent!

For three hundred years the Negro nursed in white homes,

cooked and served meals, washed their clothes, kept their homes, waited on their sick and bathed their bodies. In fact the Negroes served as grannies and often gave, suck to the babies. Many of the South's most distinguished sons and daughters nursed at the breast of a Negro mammy.

Nobody shunned or avoided the Negro nor branded him as unclean, when he had no bath tubs, no sanitary place to eat, sleep and no doctor to diagnose and treat him if he got sick. Negro women under compulsion, had attentions forced upon them and gave births to the enormous hordes of "yellow" and quadroon babies. The mixed blood is giving much concern today. Multiplied hundreds of the frustrated creatures are living on both racial sides. Editor Waring is a little too late to preach about the "risk" business.

A FALLACY
Further, there is a fallacy in the statistics on disease. More Negroes than whites, due to poor economic status, have to obtain treatment at public health centers. Many poor whites, whose economic level is higher than the poorest Negro in the South obtain treatment from private physicians. Thus, the true rate on incidence among whites is not actually revealed, when on the other hand, incidence of the

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Church Names Memphian To New Position

A high-ranking position in the new non-segregated organizational program of the Methodist church has been awarded a leading Memphis Negro minister, it was reported last week.

Rev. J. W. Golden, Mem-

phis pastor, who for 14 years headed evangelism work with the Methodist church, was named head of a division of motivation in the church.

Meeting in St. Simons Island, Ga., the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist church last week ordered an end to administration of its program on a racially segregated basis.

The board voted to discontinue its department of Negro work, announcing:

"The time has come when a special department is no longer needed and it is our desire that the entire staff work with the whole church."

SOME OF HIS DUTIES
In an interview last Saturday Rev. Golden disclosed some of the details of his new position. They will be to "seek and discover and cultivate motives for evangelism, discover resources of evangelism, make studies of the historical

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Job Bias Committee Considers Stop Here

The President's Committee on Government Employment Policy has under consideration a request that one of its regional conferences on discrimination in government employment in the South be held here in Memphis.

Request for the Memphis conference was made through the Veterans Benefit, Inc., a young organization headed by Atty. James F. Estes. Membership in the Veterans Benefit has grown to better than 500 since its founding last year.

SLATE STILL OPEN

Attorney Estes said that a letter from Ross Clinchy, executive director of the President's committee on Employment, assured him that the committee had not definitely decided on all the areas to be visited and that the Veterans Benefit request would have "careful consideration."

He said his group is now focusing its attention to Kennedy General Hospital, Veterans Hospital No. 88, the Marine Hospital, the Navy Base at Millington, Mallory Air Force depot and the Army General depot.

The chief complaint, he said, is that Negro workers are generally overlooked in upgrading and

are denied rightful permanency on their jobs.

MEETING NIGHTS

Formed last year as the Veterans Voter Movement, the organization was changed to Veterans Benefit and chartered after it was discovered vets on government jobs here had so many complaints.

Meetings are held Monday nights at 8 p. m., at the Abe Scharf YMCA. Membership is open to any veteran. A number of free services go with the \$1 membership dues which are paid monthly.

Award \$7,500 To Truckers 'In Stealing'

JACKSON, Tenn., — "Trying to steal our Negroes" was the accusation which two white farm operators allegedly hurled at two white truck drivers, as they prepared to pistol-whip them for the infraction.

This was part of the testimony brought out before a Federal jury in Jackson last week as the truck drivers were awarded \$7,500 damages against the two Lake County farmers. The truck drivers said they were attacked when they attempted to move Negro farm families to Missouri.

Lowell Goins and Ray McGee, of Sikeston, Mo., were awarded \$3,500 in a judgement against A. G. Harris and Jim McClain of near Ridge. The truckers testified they were hired to move several Negro families from Lake County Sept. 13.

HELD AT BAY

They said they were met at a Negro's home by Harris and McClain who accused them of "trying to steal our Negroes." The truckers said they tried to explain but McClain held a pistol on them while Harris beat them.

Harris and McClain said a fight occurred at the home of one of the Negro families, but that it was started by the truckers. Harris said the truckers "advanced" on him and McClain after they stopped the truck and asked the drivers what they intended to do.

The jury awarded each trucker \$300 actual damage and \$3,000 punitive damage. There was no motion for appeal last week.

From 15 to 45 days are needed from 17 to 30 days are needed for bacon.

Clerics

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disease among the masses of Negroes is reflected in statistics obtained from public health centers.

Second Mr. Waring stated that there are differences in the home environment.

In that he is partly correct. However, he is not aware of the fact that economic conditions have changed greatly since World War II. By way of comparison there are not many homes in the South staffed with Negro servants.

The vast plantations, so common in the Southland a few years ago, have been deserted by the Negro. When the young men returned from the army, Southern pressures and hostility was unbearable so the ex-soldier had to risk his life and fought for his "democratic" country, moved on and soon the fear-stricken impoverished family escaped to other sections of our country.

In many instances they carried on their backs and in their hands what few belongings they could most easily handle. A large portion of those Negroes are today employed on public works and not a few set up small businesses for themselves while an encouraging number can be found integrated into white collar jobs.

DIVORCES A GROWING EVIL

Third, the Editor reflects much upon the marital habits of the Negro. We challenge his statistics. Include his statement on marriage and intellectual development. It is not to be disputed that the divorce evil is a growing one. Many homes, both white and Negro have gone on the rocks and children are the greater sufferers.

It is hardly possible for the white man in the South to count the number of orphan homes, crowded to capacity, where white children are housed. Unmarried white mothers are hidden away in many comfortable homes for a period of time when the babies are sent to the orphanage or adopted for their welfare and the protection of the mother who, most often receives employment and gets another start in the community.

It is true that the Negro girl, least protected by society, fights her way as best she can, the victim of her own and other racial groups. Seldom if ever community funds or rescue homes comes to her rescue. She and her illegitimate are therefore exposed to the community. The young Negro girl is denied many helpful, uplifting opportunities and advantages in the South that she has but little encouragement to the higher things.

MORALS GOOD She too is forced to live in the wretched parts of the city, where she gets employment her wages are inadequate to provide things she ought to have for sustenance and self-respect. The places of culture and refinement are closed to her so that she grows up untutored and untrained. The young people are not given a new chance but they are censured for not making a better showing.

Despite these handicaps imposed by a segregated South, Negro family ties are strong. The breadwinners and mothers of these families maintain high morals. Evidence of this is the thousands of Negro boys and girls who rise through the academic grades with untarnished morals and win college degrees and many come back or remain in the South to educate, and inspire others of their race to become assets to their community and country.

Editor's Waring's picture here is perhaps of a segment of the Negro race, and a similar segment of immoral hue is quite evident in the white race. There being a 135 million who can't "pass" in America against 15 million who cannot, then it is quite clear that the immorality among whites is highly significant.

Neither race should suffer blanket indictment for the laxities of minority elements.

Fourth, Crime: It is to be admitted that in proportion to the population more Negroes are haled into court and there are among other causes two very outstanding ones any unbiased person, be he whatever color or crime, will easily see. Lack of economic opportunities and resentment against bias restrictions. The fact that the man's skin is dark is a permit for the whites to accuse him, for prejudice and hate have already condemned him. Usually he is arrested by a white man, he is jailed by a white man, white men sit on the jury, the trial judge is a white man, and every detailed record is made by the white man.

ABUSED BY WHITES It has long been reiterated in the Southland that the Negro has no rights to be respected. Then, too, the Negro is arrested and abused for the slightest infraction of the law. In the South the Sheriff and policemen. These officers of the law can invade a Negro's home on any occasion without even the legal sanction of a warrant. The white man commits crimes far more vicious than most of those charged against the Negro but the legal arms are rarely up to enforce the law.

Fifth, Editor Waring should be ashamed to even risk his integrity on the question of intellectual development among Negroes. Yankees from the North risked their lives, left their homes and came to the hostile South to establish schools in which to teach the freed men and women.

WAS CRIME TO TEACH NEGRO

The South had no schools and it was considered a punishable crime for anyone to be taught teaching a Negro to read or write. Only in recent years have the states in the South developed institutions for educating the Negro. The public schools have been a travesty in the name of schools. The whites have developed with public funds great institutions, technical, professional and otherwise.

Negro churches and secret organizations bought grounds, erected buildings, compensated instructors in order to give their children elementary schooling. In many sections of the Southland today such limited facilities furnish many Negro children their best advantage. The school buildings, aside from Negro churches and lodge halls, were hardly decent and comfortable enough for animals to be housed in. There were few if any teachers trained beyond elementary studies.

STILL HELPING The Northern Missionary organizations are yet doing the best job of preparing Negro men and women for the higher echelons of profession, business and general leadership. The Northern institutions for higher learning have long since conferred degrees of accomplishments upon some who have achieved in scholarship and attainments otherwise. Not only recently have a few Southern colleges, state and private, erstwhile white institutions, opened their doors to Negroes.

The South has always sought to prevent the Negro from developing educationally, economically, culturally, and socially. Its idea of sympathetically helping the Negro has been to keep him in "his place" as an ignorant, helpless servant doing the most servile tasks in the field, forest or wherever the heaviest, hardest and the longest hours of labor might confine him. It has given him employment only when he has been unable to employ other races at the lowest possible wages.

THE MARVEL

The marvel of the Southern people has been how the Negro has managed to eke out existence, wear decent clothes, purchase modest homes, provide his children an education beyond the pretended make shift of an elementary opportunity.

The South raised legal barriers against the Negro yankees who felt duty beyond bound to give spiritual succor to the forlorn and despicable serf who was almost homeless and friendless. Today the South would try to take credit for the Negro's measure of progress but facts belie their general assertions.

A SEEMING GOODWILL The leaders, preachers, teachers and professional men among the Negroes, for the most part, are the products of the missionary schools established, staffed and supported by Yankee churches and philanthropists.

It is true that there has been a seeming goodwill attitude between the two races in the South because the Negro has had nothing but a noble ambition to be free deeply down in his heart and he has been afraid to let the Southern white man know what he deeply desired lest he be fired from whatever menial job he had, put off the plantation where he slaved or be brutally slain.

SIGNED:

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Insurance Executive Cleveland Paper Cites

CLEVELAND — M. C. Clarke, president of Dunbar Life Insurance co., has been named one of 14 outstanding men and women in Cleveland by a local newspaper.

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FBI report in November, according to Detroit agents, has done nothing "so far as we know." Reverend Love said Newark F. B. I. agents asked him not to discuss the case, but he said he was releasing the story because, "I have a strange hunch nothing is going to be done about it by the Justice Department."

The bodies of Rev. Love's four relatives have never been found. But the minister said he was informed by eyewitnesses, including his 23-year-old sister, Gertrude, and his brother, Clifton, 24, that J. W. Milam took the four victims into the woods at gun-point, beat them severely (screams were heard) and then left them there. They have never been heard from since, the minister added. Milam reportedly told Gertrude Love that the four had "gone on a little vacation."

SURE OF CHARGE

Declaring that he felt positive Milam killed the four, Rev. Love said: "As a minister, I couldn't make a charge like that unless I was sure."

According to the cleric, the Love family came originally from Delhi, La., and Rev. Love attended Southern university and Leland college in Baber, La.

In the meantime Mrs. Love and several of her other children had moved to Webb, Miss. where they became sharecroppers on a plantation run by J. W. Milam.

In 1949, the minister explained, one of his younger brothers, A. C. Love, 19, helped Milam build a theatre. When the job was finished, the youth got into an argument with Milam about the money.

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Milam shot and killed him on the spot, the minister said, and then boasted to Clifton Love: "I'll kill any nigger who argues with me about money."

Nothing was ever done to Milam for this cold-blooded killing, Rev. Love stated.

However, this murder is not among the four Rev. Love included in his statements to the FBI. In the quadruple killing, Rev. Love said his mother, stepfather and two teenage brothers slipped away from the plantation and went to Arkansas to live.

WENT TO ARKANSAS

When Milam heard where they were, he took his gun, a truck, two friends, went after them and brought them back.

Eyewitnesses later told Rev. Love, he said, that Milam marched the four into the woods, beat them and came back without them. That happened in March, 1955, the clergyman said.

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school at the University of Nebraska.

He maintained an active interest in YMCA activities since leaving college. He helped in the organization of the YMCA work among Memphis Negroes. An active member of the First Baptist church (Lauderdale), he is held in high esteem as a speaker on educational, civic, and community topics.



A PARA-BUDDIES —

Sgt. James Closson (left) Everett, Mass., gives Pvt. Leslie Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, a big hug after the two 11th Airborne paratroopers landed safely from 3,000-foot drop. Sgt. Closson's chute came out of pack, but

didn't open, and Pvt. Smith grabbed his lines as Closson went by, carrying him rest of way to earth and safety, during final maneuver at Fort Campbell, Ky. — Wide World Photo.

Alert Paratrooper Makes Daring Rescue

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky., — A promotion in rank on the field, at the hands of a commanding general, was the reward of a big, brownskin paratrooper, Pvt. Leslie Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio, last week, after he had performed an unusually outstanding feat of heroism in the air to save the life of a white sergeant.

With 400 airborne comrades performing maneuvers at Fort Campbell last week, Private, now Pfc Smith was making his seventh successful jump from a troop-trans-

port aircraft over wild Tennessee terrain. He is a member of the 188th Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division.

He had bailed out seconds before Sgt. James Closson of Everett, Mass., plunged from the same plane for his 28th jump.

GRIPPING ACTION Private Smith's parachute opened and began drifting toward the earth 3,000 feet below. It was a different story with Sergeant Closson. His chute snapped from its pack but never mushroomed open. It remained a tight spiraled roll above his head.

Spectators, including Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., regimental commander, watched the sergeant plummet earthward through a sky filled with gently swaying chutes.

Then the miracle occurred. Private Smith looked upward, saw the body hurtling toward him, and reached out. His arms wrapped

around the sergeant's parachute shroud lines and hung on. Both men rode to the ground beneath Private Smith's chute landing unhurt.

General Stilwell, sent for the men and promoted Smith to private first class on the spot.

His present headquarters are located in Nashville, Tenn.

WIFE A WORKER

Rev. Golden senior's wife is secretary of the Missionary Personnel of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist church. Rev. Golden has pastored churches in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Louisiana. While in Louisiana he was for several years superintendent of the Department of Evangelism, including the New Orleans area of the Methodist Episcopal church, and three years field representative of the Bureau of Evangelism with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church prior to unification.

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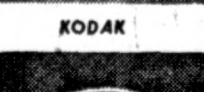
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Already Busy Doing Things, BTW Leaders Look Ahead To Future

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A senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil Shotwell, of 934 E. Lenox.

At 18, Shotwell has decided on going into politics "because I feel that with the rapid changes in our country there is going to be a great need for Negro politicians." For his formal preparation Shotwell plans to take a political science major at Tennessee State university.

SENIOR CLASS HEAD

From a practical standpoint he has also scored something of a political victory in getting himself elected president of the senior class at Booker T., usually the largest in the city. He is also president of the school's motor club.

J. F. Perrie, biology teacher, and Mrs. Augusta Cash, English, are senior class advisors, and James King, English teacher, is advisor for the Motor club.

"Each senior class president usually tries to do more than the preceding president and this insures progress," Shotwell explained.

Currently the 500-member senior class is working on a good conduct program which includes two panel talks monthly. It also checks on student conduct on buses with certain students assigned this chore. The class is also trying to influence non-attending students to get back in school.

THE MOTOR CLUB

The Motor club, despite its name, has nothing to do with motors or wheels but does deal with a traffic situation — that of directing students through the corridors when classes change. There are 54 members, girls and boys of the junior and senior classes.

It works this way: — Traffic to classrooms to the north of the building moves to the right; students headed to classrooms south of the one they are leaving move on the left. To keep down confusion and "reckless drivers," 12 members of the Motor club work each floor.

FOUR CAPTAINS

Shotwell identified his captains as Miss Jacquelyn Washburn, basement; George Brown, first floor; William Young, second, and Kelly Lester, third.

In his leisure Shotwell goes in for basketball (he's not on the team) and singing. In addition to being a member of the senior glee club, he's also lead voice for the 5 Q's quartette.

Other 5 Q's are Seymour, bass; Clifton Drake, first tenor; Roosevelt Jamison, baritone, and John Roberts, second tenor.

Shotwell is a member of St. Augustine Catholic church, belongs to the Honor Society, Student council, Royal Knights Social club, and is Sweetheart of the Ga-Te-Na Social club headed by Miss Merdis Sims.

He likes his music popular, his girl friends steady, with Miss Velma Bogan "the only."

JOSEPH WHITE

School publications are mighty important things to a student body. So carrying the load as editor of the Washingtonian would be just about a shoulder full for anyone — except Joseph White, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Glen, of 1380 Hemlock.

This ambitious little senior is also editor of the annual yearbook, a gigantic task in itself.

For the eight-page tabloid Washingtonian, out every six weeks, White has a staff of about 25; for his annual, a 110 pager due out in May, approximately 20 workers.

He presides over the weekly press club meetings Tuesdays at 3:30 at the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Right now White is trying to work out a way so that more community news of importance can be brought into the paper. "I believe the teenagers would take more interest in major news if they found it in their own publication," he said.

Agreeing that it's a mighty big job trying to head two school publications, White added "but they offer a lot of experience which I think will pay off in years to come, and I like this kind of work."

Mrs. Carlotta Stewart, American History teacher, is advisor for the annual, and Nat D. Williams, history teacher, and Mrs. C. Lintz Stevens, commercial and English teacher, are advisors for the Washingtonian.

White likes his publications work so much that he has decided to enroll at Lincoln university (Mo.) as a journalism major.

50 GIRLS, ONE BOY

White has a sort of unique distinction, too, as the only boy in a commercial class of 50 girls taking typing, shorthand, etc. And he's president of the class.

He likes all kinds of music and learned to play the piano and organ under the late Mark Thomas, who was organist for Mt. Pisgah CME church. He is musician for the youth choir of Mt. Olive CME church, publicity chairman for the Hi-Y and pens a column for the Memphis World.

White spends much of leisure time reading adventure stories. "Just now" he's a believer in going steady with Miss Pearl Westbrook, his choice.

MISS MARY COLE

The Hostess Club at Booker T. is an all-girl club with 17-year-old Mary Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cole, of 865 Porter, as its president.

At Booker T. the girls don't grab off many top officers in the mixed groups.

Miss Cole's club furnishes guides for visitors to the school and helps keep order. Girls are stationed at the front, back and side entrances to the school throughout the study day.

There are 50 members in the club, juniors and seniors, mostly seniors. Mr. King is faculty advisor.

This club was formerly known as the Junior-Senior Courtesy club. It meets every first and third Tuesdays to make progress reports.

Miss Cole plans to take a business administration major at Clark college in Atlanta and become a florist. For about eight years she

has worked in the Flora's Flower shop, operated by an aunt.

MUSIC LOVER

She is a member of Metropolitan Baptist church and part of the junior choir there.

Music is the other big interest in her life — that is, when you don't count her steady Roosevelt Tennison, football and basketball star. She plays the piano and likes to listen to good music, especially if it's by Stan Kenton or George Shearing.

Miss Cole is a member of the Motor club, Student Council, senior executive staff and president of the Deborette Social club.

Her favorite movie stars are Joan Crawford and Burt Lancaster.

ROBERT HALL

The very first step toward winning the post held by Robert Hall, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, of 2115 Riley, is to come up with a "B" average in the classroom.

This 17-year-old senior, who's getting quite a reputation as a singer and composer, is president of the Honor society, Mrs. Beulah Williams, Spanish teacher, is advisor.

Hall says the main purpose of the society is to encourage leadership, character and scholarship in the students.

The about 70 members are working on a program they have called the College Advisory project. What they do is get in catalogues from various colleges and universities, study them, and then post lists telling seniors who might want information about certain institutions, which member to see to get the information.

OTHER PROJECTS

Last year's honor society launched

the program, Hall explained, but didn't get too far with it. In addition, the society trying to get more students to attend basketball games, and giving an assist in campus cleanup. When members spot things which need to be done a report is made to the proper official who sees that it is done.

Hall, who plans to major in music and "dab a little" in engineering at Tennessee State university, is a member of his father's church, Middle Baptist in Whitehaven. He belongs to the choir and teaches an intermediate Sunday school class.

He's a photography enthusiast, likes singing and composing music.

SONG BEING PLUGGED

Right now he has a song, "Blue Love," WDIA recorded, which is being played over that station. Hall sings lead with the group that cut the disk, the King's Men. Others are George LoSore, bass; James Craig, second tenor, and Bennie Jenkins, first tenor.

Hall is now working on a song entitled "There You Are," and an instrumental to come out as "Ice Cream." He started composing popular and jazz music back in the ninth grade, getting about 20 finished so far. "Blue Love" is the first to reach the record stage.

The young would-be-composer is student director of the Teen Towners, senior class chaplain, chaplain of the senior class, executive member of the student council, member of the motor club and chaplain of the Junior Fine Arts club.

His schoolmates evidently think he might end up being a minister. JACQUELYNE WASHBURN

Next on the scene is a young lady who thinks that girls do more reading than do boys.

Being president of the Library club, part Miss Jacquelyne Washburn, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, is in a pretty good position to form an opinion.

Miss Washburn was the only

junior talked to who had reached prexy level in a major school organization.

The library club would fall into the category of a service group. Members work in the library helping other students find and file books.

An important work of the club, Miss Washburn pointed out, is its effort to "encourage more reading of better books by our students."

Mrs. D. Williams and Mrs. V. Nabrit, librarians, are advisors for the club. It has 31 members and participates in a city-wide library organization.

The reading emphasis program is carried out through posters, bulletin board displays and talks.

Students must be recommended by their English teacher to get into the club.

NO STEADY DATE

Miss Washburn belongs to Metropolitan Baptist church and is president of the junior choir there and a member of the Senior Service troop. She is a member of the Washingtonian staff, Hostess club, Motor club, student council and Junior Fine Arts club.

Still a junior, Miss Washburn is not positive about either her selection of a college or a major but she's putting emphasis on math now and thinks she will follow that all the way.

She guesses from her library experience, that girls read more than boys. "They certainly check out more books," she confided.

Miss Washburn doesn't believe in going steady with any boy.

HAROLD HUGHES

Top man in the Booker T. Washington Safety Patrol program is Harold Hughes, 21, son of Walter Hughes, of 1587 Rayburn.

As chief of the patrol comprising 30 boys, Hughes' says his big job is seeing that the students get safely across the streets.

His patrol covers five intersections — Mississippi at Crump, Lauderdale in front of the school, Mississippi and Polk, Mississippi and Lauderdale, and Mississippi and

Mesdames Bumpus, Roulhac Talk To Owen Assembly On Education

The Owen Junior College faculty and staff, during their Tuesday afternoon meeting, enjoyed the role of hosts to two of the city's most famous Ladies. Guests were Mrs. G. M. Bumpus, president of the Bluff City PTA council; and

Mrs. Christopher Roulhac, jr., teacher at LaRose Elementary school and national president of the Jack and Jill Inc.

Both ladies, delegates to the White House Conference on Education Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 1955, presented a very interesting report on the nation-wide meeting of prominent educators and the Chief Executive of the USA.

Mrs. Bumpus reported the discussions relative to the subjects: "What Should Our Schools Accomplish?" and "What Are Our School Building Needs?"

Mrs. Roulhac reported the discussions relative to the subjects: "How Can We Get Good Teachers and Keep Them?" "How can

We Finance Our Schools and Operate Them?" and "How can We Attain a Continuous Public Interest in Education?"

EDUCATION REPORT

The White House Education conference reports were preceded by Mrs. Idella Dean's report of her tenure of matriculation and experiences at the George Peabody college last Summer. Mrs. Dean is an instructor in the Adult Education Division at Owen college.

Faculty and staff members present during the first monthly meeting of the new year were: Levi Watkins, president; Thomas Willard, Dean of Students; Rev. C. Thomas Paige, College Minister; Leotis Peterman, Registrar; Miss Dorothy M. Walton, Librarian; E. Barnard Cotton, Coordinator; Mrs. Dorothy T. Graham, head of the Department of Humanities; Mrs. Donzaleigh Patterson, head of the Department of Business; Miss Dorothy E. McKinnie, Dietician; Enus M. Moss, instructor; Paul V. Collins, Physical Education instructor-coach; Rev. J. B. Webb, instructor in the Division of Adult Education; Mrs. J. A. Olive, secretary to the President; Mrs. Melvior Fisher, Matron; and Mrs. Idella Dean

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Principal Blair T. Hunt said the leaders are student selected and complimented the student body on their "fine judgment." He said that the present leaders are not by any means the only ones with leadership qualifications and that they are quite representative of the "top 15 percent of the student body."

Prof. Hunt said the public usually hears more about the students who don't measure up because they usually "are fuss makers."

The Defender agrees with that point and hopes this series will help, on-keel the situation.

NEXT WEEK — DOUGLASS HIL

Israeli Pianist Slated For LeMoyne On Jan. 28

The second concert in the LeMoyne college series will be given on Jan. 28, by David Bar-Illan, brilliant young Israeli pianist. The concert is at 8:30 p.m., in C. Arthur Bruce hall.

DAVID BAR-ILLAN was born in Waifa, Israel. After commencing the study of the piano at the age of five, he gave his first public recital when he was ten. A versatile child, David at the same time had an outstanding talent for mathematics and when he was a seventeen, passed the final examinations of the University of London in higher mathematics, by mail, and seemed well on his way to a brilliant career.

However, after his mathematics teacher heard him play the piano, he advised the young man to devote his life to the piano, and so David journeyed to America to attend the Juilliard School of Music, where he was an invitation student.

FOUGHT IN WAR

His studies were interrupted when the Israeli War of Independence broke out, at which time he returned to his homeland to join the army. The young pianist had been a member of the Israeli Underground, the "Hagana," since his 14th year. During the War of Independence, Bar-Illan took part in the Battle of Nazareth and in the fighting to clear the Galilee.

As soon as the fighting was over, Bar-Illan resumed his studies at Juilliard. Following his graduation in 1950, he was awarded another scholarship — this time to the Mannes College of Music in New York. There he studied with the eminent pianist and pedagogue, Hans Neumann, with whom he had worked in Israel as a youth.

TICKET SALES

Last season wide critical acclaim was accorded Bar-Illan with such expert comment as "Possessing a whirlwind techni-



DAVID BAR-ILLAN

que, an enormous amount of strength and energy, and an exquisite tone, he is already a mature artist in every respect, and is unquestionably destined to become one of the top ranking pianists of our time."

Tickets are on sale at Goldsmith's Central Office and at the LeMoyne Business office. Reserved seats are \$2 and general admission is \$1.25. High school and college student groups may purchase general admission tickets in advance at LeMoyne college only for 75c.

Father's Night Jan. 19 At Porter Junior High

Rev. H. McDonald Nelson, pastor of St. James AME church and candidate for the bishopric of the AME church in May 1956, will be the Father's Night speaker at the Porter PTA meeting, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The president, Mrs. G. M. Bumpus will preside and important committee reports will be given.

An attendance prize will be given the class having the largest number of fathers present. All fathers are urged to register upon arrival.

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m., the president, Mrs. G. M. Bumpus stressed the importance of the cooperation of the fathers in better family relationships. A number of alarming problems were brought to the attention of the group for some possible solution. Through speakers and panel discussions during

the year and cooperation with the Guidance Committee of the school some progress is expected to be made.

TEA GOAL \$2,000

Plans for the annual Tea, Sunday, April 8, were made with Mr. E. D. Elrod as chairman. The 1956 Goal is \$2,000. The proceeds will benefit the new gymnasium now under construction and the athletic program of the school.

R. B. Thompson, principal urges the cooperation of all parents in support of the PTA program during the rest of the school year.

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Mothers March, WDIA Simulcast Are Weapons In Attack On Polio

A new concept in radio programming will be held next Saturday, Jan. 21, over Radio Station WDIA, to benefit the Annual March of Dimes, with a two-hour Hallelujah Jubilee.

The program will be a two-hour simulcast emanating from two churches at the same time — beginning at 7 p.m. The broadcast will be heard live from East Trigg Baptist church, Rev. W. Herbert Brewster, pastor, and Golden Leaf Baptist church, Rev. L. A. Hamblin, pastor. Portions of the program from each church will be heard intermittently throughout the two hour program.

ON THE SIMULCAST To be heard on the program are: Theo "Bless My Bones" Wade, A. C. Williams, Cornell Wells, Robert Thomas and Ford Nelson, well known personalities of the "Goodwill Station."

Among the singing groups to be heard are: Southern Echoes, Gospel Writers Boys, Christian Harmonizers, Dixieaires, Union Voices, Johnny Owens, The Man of Poems, Sons of Jehovah, Will and Brown Singers.

Also the Stars of Harmony, Gabriellaires, Gospel Tones, Southern Jubilees, Brewstaires, Friendly

Echoes, Reed Singers and Cleopatra Robinson.

On Jan. 28 the Hallelujah Jubilee will be heard in the second simulcast from St. Matthews Baptist church, Rev. H. H. Harper, pastor and Lane Avenue Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor. This program will be heard at the same time, 7 'til 9 p.m., with portions of both programs being heard intermittently.

The program on Jan. 28 will usher in the first of the Second Marchation over WDIA which will be heard through 7 a.m. the next morning. Pledges will be called in for the donors' favorite records and their pledges will be announced by their favorite disc-jockey.

MOTHERS TO MEET

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Mothers March of Memphis will be held Monday, January 23, at Union Protective Assurance Company, Memphis District Office, 364

Beale Street, 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lucille Price, Mothers March chairman for 1956, will preside.

Chairman for the various Districts are: Manassas, Mrs. McAdams Sloan; Douglas, Mrs. Blonda Cross; Klondike, Mrs. Katie Sexton; Grant, Mrs. Ludella Addison; Caldwell, Mrs. Bilboa Jones; Hyde Park, Mrs. Ruby Smith; Lester, Mrs. Lydia Robinson; Hamilton, Mrs. Harold Jamison; Magnolia, Mrs. Georgia Taylor.

Also, Melrose, Mrs. Althea

Pyles; Leath, Mrs. Cooper Taylor; Kansas, Mrs. Amanda Steele; Porter, Mrs. M. S. Draper; Florida, Mrs. Margaret Turner; Riverview, Mrs. Johnny LeFlore and Mrs. E. M. Tillman.

Also: Wisconsin, Mrs. Marie Lewis; Kortrecht, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward; Dunn, Mrs. Beatrice Stewart; Locke, Mrs. Belle Pettigrew; Lincoln, Mrs. Thelma Busch; Carnes, Mrs. A. Gibson; Patterson, Mrs. Orangejello Cogger; and LaRose, Mrs. Velma Campbell.

All women who are interested in working in the Mother's March, which will be held Monday, Jan. 30, from 6:30 'til 7:30 p.m., are invited to attend this meeting and learn how they can enlist in the fight against polio.

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CHURCH NOTES

MT. ZION AME

The Young People's Society of the Memphis Annual Conference held its first quarterly meeting at the Mt. Zion AME church, last Sunday. Mrs. Leona Jamison is supervisor.

Sunday services will be regular at the house of worship. Sunday school will open at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, J. C. Griffin, presiding. At 11 a.m., the morning worship will begin. Rev. I. T. Jefferson, the pastor, will deliver the message. The Gospel Chorus will furnish the music.

The ACE League convenes at 6 p.m. Frank Peterson, the president, will direct it. "A Service in Song" will be rendered at 7:30 p.m. by the Gospel Chorus.

Miss Nell Harvey is the church reporter.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

A musical program at 7:30 p.m. will be the highlight of Sunday's service at New Hope Baptist church. Presenting it will be the senior choir. Mrs. E. M. Currie is president. The directress is Mrs. R. S. Jones and the pianist is David Sanders.

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sam Marshall is the superintendent. A sermon will be heard at 11 a.m. Rev. W. R. Edwards will deliver it. Baptist Training Union will be held at 6 p.m.

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. is prayer meeting night at New Hope.

The public is invited.

ST. JAMES AME

The Men's Service League of St. James AME church will sponsor a dinner Sunday. The dinner will be held at 2 p.m. in the annex of the church. The tasty plates of turkey and trimmings will be \$1.00 for the men and 50 cents for the women. The general public is invited. Immediately following the dinner, the program will begin. William Flemming will be guest speaker. O. D. Hayes is president of the Men's Service League. C. E. Butler is secretary.

William Jackson will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., the pastor, Rev. H. McDonald Nelson, will officiate. The choir of the church will render the music.

Mrs. Dora Whitson will direct the ACE League at 6 p.m. Devotion and a sermon are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Thelma McKissie is the church reporter.

PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST

Annual Usher Day will be observed at the Progressive Baptist church, Sunday. The program will be held at 3 p.m. Rev. H. H. Harper of St. Matthew Baptist church will deliver the annual address. St. Matthew's choir will furnish the music. Lenon Patterson is the chief usher.

A. J. Terry conducts the Sunday school at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m., the morning worship will be held. Rev. O. C. Collins, the pastor, will deliver an inspiring address at this time.

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The Pulpit Speaks

By G. THOMAS FAIGE

Once again we enter into a new year — We look down and see the scars brought on us by the struggles, strife, and conflicts of yesterday. But even as we enter our churches today, who goes with us?

As the pulpit looks out over the congregation what does it see? Over to its right it sees a group of people whose heads are now covered with the snows of many winters. The toils and strifes of many years have etched long, jagged wrinkles into their faces that can be erased only by death. The steps that were once young and gay are now short and unsteady. The ears that were at one time alert to every sound now have become silent to many familiar tunes. The vision that once beheld the finest shades of color combinations can now only behold colorless figures standing before it. To them life is a bleak thing with uncertain horizons standing before them. They look to the pulpit in a longing plea for help.

THEY SIT WAITING
Over in the middle aisle we see hungry, anxious youths waiting to be given the direction of victory and peace. These eager-hearted soldiers — waiting for the spiritual, moral, and intellectual fuel that will enable them to go on to victory. As the pulpit looks into the eyes of the huge throng seated before it, it sees a job far superior to the one of last year.

Last year, men walked about in darkness and were satisfied; last year they lived in poorly built houses and were willing to make out; last year they were not too much concerned about old age because not too many reached that stage in life and it was no problem. Last year men were satisfied to travel in buggies and ox carts because time and comfort were not important factors. But now, as the pulpit looks out, it sees people who are expecting to be here a long time.

It sees people who are expecting to live long, live well, and live fully. All of these will be realized when men are enlightened. As the pulpit starts out on a new year the pulpit can't satisfy itself with merely making people "happy." The "Happiness" of 1956 must be wrapped up in moral, spiritual, and intellectual growth. It must lead a people who has suddenly found itself materially to a fountain where a little moral and intellectual grace will be poured upon their heads. They then will be ready to come away "a good Samaritan," to walk a second mile, or to share one's cloak.

MUST HALT STRIFE
The pulpit must speak out to some people who have lost their sense of direction and value. It must speak out to some people who have become over-bearing with the intellectual and material things of life.

As the pulpit speaks in 1956 it must arrest a people wound up in a sudden hurrying spree that is getting them no where; it must call a halt to the backward marching characteristic of our day; it must cry out "about face" to a world constantly on the down grade. This pulpit must call a halt to worldliness and ungodly living; it must call a halt to wars and strife.

In 1956 the pulpit sees a man who has been to the fountain and drunk of materialism, selfishness, the thrills of possession, a n d greed.

To him these things are now common-places. They fail to bring him the thrills of generations ago. Today the prodigal son is on his way back home. The prodigal looks to the pulpit for a man who is solving his problems and is ready to help him solve his. The pulpit is the center of uplifting human activity — speak now for thy servant listens!

Polio Officials Urge Citizens To Respond

"Memphis and Shelby County's share in the giant \$47,500,000 national March of Dimes goal is in the neighborhood of \$150,000," Roy Freeman, director of the Memphis and Shelby County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said recently.

Mr. Freeman, in urging contributions to the January March of Dimes, reminded citizens that a "polio respects neither age, nationality, occupation nor income."

The March of Dimes' 3,100 chapters throughout the nation meet the expense of polio wherever needed. Medical care payments are outright gifts, not loans to be repaid. Today, over 68,000 polio victims are on the chapter aid rolls of the Foundation. Since 1938, the Foundation has spent over a quarter of a billion dollars helping 313,000 men, women and children fight back to lead normal lives after bouts with the crippling disease.

ENVELOPES MAILED
During the past five years, the Memphis and Shelby County chapter has spent over \$357,000 for the treatment and care of local polio cases. In addition, out of \$7,812 local children who have received the Salk vaccine, 42,808 immunizations were provided directly by the National Foundation.

J. R. "Dick" Walker, local campaign director, expressed the hope that citizens would respond generously by placing their dollars and dimes in official pink March of Dimes envelopes which have been mailed to every Memphis and Shelby County home. The envelopes bear the address of the March of Dimes, Tom R. Cone, treasurer, Union Planters National Bank, Memphis.

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JANA PORTER

Yes Madame,
In planning the menu of the day the Bread we use is very important. Suitable bread can make a meal enjoyable and De-luxe or the wrong type of bread can make an otherwise delicious meal ordinary. Most people enjoy new and different home-made breads, muffins, waffles, cookies, pastries and cakes. You can always be sure the bread will be best if you can use Jack Sprat enriched wheat flour or Jack Sprat white cream meal in our recipe. Now that bananas are plentiful on the market, let's make individual banana Ginger-breads for the enjoyment of dad and the small fry.

BANANA GINGERBREAD

1/2 banana
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup molasses
1 tablespoon melted fat
1/2 cup chopped apples
1 1/4 cup Jack Sprat flour
7-8 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt.

Peel and scape banana and beat to a pulp. Add sour cream, molasses and melted fat. Sift Jack Sprat flour with soda, baking powder, ginger and salt and add to the first mixture. Add chopped apple, beat again and bake in greased muffin tins about twenty minutes at 400 degree F. Serve with Banana Sauce.

BANANA SAUCE

Peel and mash 1 banana in a bowl, add 1 egg white unbeaten and 1/2 cup sugar and beat with egg beater until light and fluffy. This is so good and easy to make. Try it tomorrow.

Bye for now,

Jana Porter

Would You Enjoy Appearing On The Big Star Show Over 50,000 Watt WDIA?

IF YOU HAVE talent, you are invited to come to WDIA any Thursday and be auditioned by Mrs. Kathryn Rivers Johnson for Big Star Show. This group of talented boys and girls presented an enjoyable program on a recent Saturday. Genial A. C. Williams emceed the show. Left to right first row: Jacquelyn Harvey, Paul Brinkley, Yvonne Owens, James Anna Townsend and Betty Gillis. Second row left to right: John J. Taylor, James E. Craig, Robert L. Hall, George A. LeSere and Bennie L. Jenkins.



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State To Start Bible Project On Jan. 29

By MABEL B. CROOKS

Dr. John H. Satterwhite, research fellow at Brown University School of Theology, will conduct Tennessee State university's second annual Bible Study Project beginning Sunday, Jan. 29.

For this campus-wide project, the Book of Ephesians will be studied for guides for modern living. Dr. Satterwhite, who is on sabbatical leave from the deanship of Hood Theological Seminary of Livingstone College in Salisbury, N. C., will counsel with students individually and in groups — during the four days.

The activity is sponsored by the Inter-Faith Council, made up of representatives of denominations on the campus, in conjunction with the Student Christian Association. Student-conducted prayer and buzz sessions called "Beehives" have been planned. These will be held in living areas by students both on and off the campus. Satterwhite, Ernest McNeill of Memphis, Junior Political Science major, is general Bible project chairman.



According to the USDA this year's potato crop is of the highest quality and the growers are sending their best to the market. Potatoes pack good food value under their brown jackets. When you eat them daily, they provide as much as one-fourth of your vitamin C quota, besides some of the B vitamins, iron and other important minerals and starch.

A good way to take advantage of this low-cost energy-giving vegetable is by serving a good chowder. This is a recipe your family will like and is made from foods you usually have in your kitchen.

TASTY CHOWDER
Saute' slowly until lightly browned:
1-2 cup chopped salt pork and Add saute' until golden brown:
1 medium sized onion
Add and simmer
2 cups diced potatoes
2 cups water
1 cup tomatoes
1 No. 2 can of corn
When the potatoes are cooked tender remove from the stove and add two cups milk. Then heat just before serving. This makes about 6 cupsful to take care of hearty winter appetites.

Mashed or baked potatoes served with roast pork make another combination for economy and good eating. Pork is a USDA plentiful and so is fruit. So why not try a grapefruit and apple salad for brightening up the evening meal. This salad has a lot of eye and taste appeal as it is crisp, tasty, and slightly tart.

Now, This Is Good
A combination of grapefruit sections, slices of unpeeled apples, and a mound of cottage cheese on crisp lettuce is especially good topped with tomato French dressing.

Ingredients are: 1 grapefruit 2 red apples, 1 cup cottage cheese, tomato French dressing, lettuce. Peel grapefruit and carefully remove the sections. Wash apples cut into quarters without peeling, and cut into thin slices, arranging them between grapefruit sections on lettuce. To one side, place a mound of cottage cheese. Top with tomato French dressing. Tomato French Dressing: In a quart jar, mix together 1 cup tomato soup, 1-2 cup salad oil, 1-2 cup milk vinegar, 2 teaspoons sugar and 1-2 teaspoon each of salt, thyme, and marjoram. Seal with rubber ring and cover, and shake well. If desired use lemon juice for half the vinegar.

Sister Of Korean Hero In Air Force School



Miss Burlean E. Cleaborn, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cleaborn, sr., of 1739 Farrington, and a sister of the late Pvt. Edward O. Cleaborn who won the nation's second highest honor posthumously for heroic action in Korea, has completed her Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. Florence Cleaborn, mother of the 1953 Booker T. Washington graduate, said Miss Cleaborn is now taking a commercial course at the Francis E. Warren Air Base in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Miss Cleaborn entered the service Oct. 3, 1955 and graduated from the San Antonio, Texas base on Dec. 6. She is expected home on leave around June.

The Edward O. Cleaborn housing project is named for Miss Cleaborn's heroic brother.



DR. LINDSEY F. KIMBALL, executive vice - president of the Rockefeller Foundation, and national chairman of the record - breaking 1955 United Negro College Fund campaign was presented with a bound volume of 31 letters of thanks

from the UNCF member college presidents by Dr. F. D. Patterson (left) while W. J. Trent, Jr., UNCF executive director looks on. Dr. Patterson is president and founder of the Fund which raised a record total of \$1,624,965 in contributions to last year's appeal. The money is distributed among 31 private colleges located in the South, and will be used for student scholarship aid, faculty salaries and other current operating expenses.

Also appearing were a number of church workers. Purpose of the educational drives is to set up a fund to enable ambitious young people to get an education.

Presented by Miss Alice B. Harris, Grant teacher, Miss Purnell, who is a member of the St. Jude Baptist church, spoke on "Life's So-Called Little Things."

She told an enthusiastic audience that many of the little things of life are in reality the big things, the meaningful ones.

Mrs. E. M. Owens, of Union Grove Baptist church, served as mistress of ceremonies, and Rev. C. J. Gaston led devotion. L. Van Johnson and Mrs. A. G. Harvey contributed excellent solos. Selected poems were recited by Mrs. Ada Fields and Miss Delia V. Jones.

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If Worker Drew \$100, Farmer Must File Tax

Farm operators who have paid as much as \$100 in cash wages to any farm employee during the year 1955 should file an employer's tax and information return for agricultural employees, E. F. Greaney, senior agent, Internal Revenue Service, Memphis, Tenn., announced today. This tax return will be filed with the District Director of Internal Revenue, Nashville, Tenn., together with the social security taxes on the wages shown on the form.

Mr. Greaney emphasized that this annual report of wages paid for agricultural labor must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service before Jan. 31, 1956. The return must show the name, social security number, and wages paid every employee whose cash wages from the same farmer amounted to \$100 or more.

Tax return forms are mailed out about Jan. 1 to those who have previously notified the District Director of having agricultural employees. Farmers, who must make these tax returns and have not yet written for the proper forms, should write the District Director of Internal Revenue, Nashville, Tenn., immediately in order to be sure of getting the report filed before the Jan. 31 deadline, Mr. Greaney urged.

Flu Epidemic Hits Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica — (INS) — Hundreds of cases of influenza were reported in Jamaica last week as the Caribbean area was gripped by a severe cold spell.

For the first time in memory, ice was discovered at the top of 7,402-foot Blue Mountain.

The cold spell reached all the way to Panama in Central America. On Tuesday, Balboa Heights recorded a temperature of 65 degrees, lowest in nearly 32 years. Panama City registered 59-degrees.

CME's Give Up 'Colored' Tag

The Colored Methodist Episcopal church has officially changed the name of the denomination to the Christian Methodist Episcopal church.

The General Conference of the CME church which met in Memphis, May, 1954, overwhelmingly passed a resolution to change the term "colored" to "Christian".

Solons Map Plans For Omnibus Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON — Several representatives of both political parties held a parley in the office of Cong. Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), late Thursday afternoon, to map out strategy on the passage of civil rights legislation.

The group agreed to talk with members of the Judiciary Committee, headed by Cong. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.), to evaluate the prospects for the passage of civil rights measures.

They also received assurances from the Attorney General's office that a message containing specific proposals on Civil Rights legislation could be expected in the near future.

After receipt of such message, the group agreed that it would take counsel with all members of both parties in the House interested in civil rights legislation. It will then hold a general gathering to discuss the civil rights message.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau, NAACP, attended the meeting along with Democratic Congressmen John D. Dingell and Charles C. Diggs of Michigan, Adam C. Powell, James Roosevelt (Calif.) and Richard Bolling of Mo.; and Republican Reps. Scott, John W. Heselton (Mass.) and Thomas M.

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United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 561,369.01
Obligations of states and political subdivisions 590,293.85
Other bonds, notes and debentures 40,320.74
Loans and discounts (including overdraft, none) 1,379,893.76
Bank premises owned 19,459.94
Furniture and fixtures 10,173.08 29,633.02
Real estate owned other than bank premises 18,534.29
Other assets 2,977.21

TOTAL ASSETS \$2,995,663.90

LIABILITIES
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations \$997,192.29
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations 1,452,126.06
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 37,454.99
Deposits of states and political subdivisions 103,375.00
Deposits of banks 47,500.00
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) 7,284.63
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$2,644,932.97
Other liabilities 12,010.62

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$2,656,943.59

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
Capital* \$ 200,000.00
Surplus 100,000.00
Undivided Profits 38,720.31

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$338,720.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$2,995,663.90

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CORNER

DEAR MME. CHANTE: Maybe you can help me find pen pals. I read your column and find it most interesting right now. I am a bit mixed up and confused to will

W. P. Dabney, 65, Of Central State, Dies

WILBEFORCE, Ohio — William P. Dabney, 65, employee of Central State college for 21 years, died at his home on the campus and funeral services were held in Galloway auditorium Jan. 4. President Charles H. Wesley delivered the eulogy. Surviving are:

His widow, Mrs. Ida M. Dabney, two daughters, Misses Hazel and Betty J. Dabney; a son, Charles, of Paris, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. William Dabney of Philadelphia; a grandson, two brothers, Lincoln of New York City and Pearl of Lakin, W. Va.

Nowadays Avendorph can arrange travel for any place in the world, not alone for one traveler but also for group tours. Thus, indirectly, the air, bus, rail and steamship lines are saying that the welcome mat is out to Negro travelers.

NASHVILLE — Nominations now are being accepted by Fisk university for candidates for a new award for service in the fields of race relations, civil liberties and economic justice, it was announced this week.

The General Alumni Association of Fisk and Dr. Jerome S. Davis, former visiting professor of religion at Fisk from Yale university, are sponsoring the award.

To be known as the "Fisk Distinguished Service Award," it will carry a cash honorarium of \$500, it honors Dr. Davis' father who worked for racial equality.

Nominations should be sent to Awards Committee, Alumni office, Fisk university, Nashville 6, Tenn.

Winner will be announced at the May 28 commencement exercises of Fisk.

WORRIED. Will she return my things?

ANS. A careful analysis of your question indicates the fact that you loaned your evening dress and some accessories to a girl friend and she hasn't returned them. You may have to go get your things, as she doesn't seem to be the type of person

Subtlety
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and then she fires a few more, and. . . I sound a few more grunts.
When there's an ominous silence. . . I know what's coming next
the constant wail of all our wives. . . Complaining wife-neglect
experience, ah the teacher. . . So thorough and complete
to with all such wifely protestis. . . I'm well prepared to meet
s a quickly drop my paper. . . Or desert my Televis
and I don't think she knows it, ah. . . But truly it is true
start the ball a-rolling, just it. . . To do what I do, do!

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Our Opinions

Basis Of Qualification

If it were not so tragic an example of the inequities of the Southern political system, it might be laughable to note that the chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee to investigate subversion in America is Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi.

The fact that he is, makes it anything but funny and therein lies a great danger, not just to Negroes, but to Americans of every strata of life. It has become plain in recent weeks, by the conduct of the Senator, that he is using the power of his committee not to ferret out subversives as the dictionary defines the word; but according to the interpretation and the degree of offense in the eyesight of the Senator, instead he is persecuting anyone who opposes the tactics of the bigots like himself to exploit, abuse and degrade one section of the populace because of the color of their skin.

The Senator fancies himself as a hero of the South upholding the sacredness of white supremacy. Like the late, Theodore "The Man" Bilbo, he has even used the floor of the United States Senate to utter obscenities and to propound his belief in the inferiority of the Negro. As revolting as his conduct has been, nobody has raised a voice against him, because of the enormous privileges that a U.S. Senator enjoys.

No Hiding Place Down Here

Virginians in unprecedented numbers turned out last week for a special polling on whether to hold a state convention to amend the constitution. This was the first legal test of how to circumvent the Supreme Court decision in the Schools cases.

The people of the state approved by 2-1 the measure which will abolish Virginia's public school system and subsidize private schooling to keep from obeying the order to integrate. The only thing wrong about the plan is that it won't work. There are even those who approve of continued segregation who realize that whenever this new plan of using public tax funds to subsidize private schools comes up to the Supreme Court — and it certainly will, it is sure to be denied

The Voice Is Stilled

Never has silence been so "deafening" (and so embarrassing) than presently at the Washington headquarters of the United States' gigantic world propaganda machine, the Voice of America.

There's consternation aplenty in VOA circles here, as reports from representatives all over the world herald the news that "Uncle Sam's" stock abroad is at the lowest point in history. What's worse, (one VOA official reported in an "off the record" session recently) the VOA is being chided for its ineffectual attempts to "ignore" the disgrace of Mississippi and Virginia.

The "Voice," which tried to offset the

When he speaks to "the rednecks" in his constituency, he fans their prejudices to get their votes, but he does little or nothing to improve their pitiable economic plight. They are the victims, as much as the voteless Negroes, of demagoguery.

A few weeks ago, the Senator spearheaded a meeting of the most reactionary racist diehards in the South called in Memphis, Tenn. to formulate new ways of disobeying the Constitution of the United States and "keeping the Negro in his place." The Senator, in a speech to the group, called for defiance of the Supreme Court, fighting the NAACP, and the CIO.

It is hard for us to see how any man who is advocating open insurrection against the government of the United States can preside over an investigation into so-called "un-American activities."

The Senator has just finished stalking subversives in the American Press. By an odd coincidence, most of the witnesses he subpoenaed were from the New York Times, a paper which has been an unrelenting critic of the methods of the Senator and those of his ilk.

It seems to us that it is high time the American people wake up and realize that bigots like termites can destroy the whole house unless they are checked at the source.

because it is nothing more than a way to obstruct the law of the land.

At least three Southern states are defying the recent ICC order to integrate in inter-state travel. Some others say they will observe the order, but they will still enforce intra-state segregation laws. All is confusion in the midst of which, some colored folks have been using the white rest rooms in railroad waiting rooms and the white folks didn't know whether they were inter or intra or whether they were just local folks not going anywhere but just trying out integrated toilets!

As the old saying goes, you can run, but you can't hide and that's the way it is on this integration. Looks like that try as hard as they will the white folks just can't hide this pesky Negro.

bitter memory of Emmet Till's murder by jamming the world's airways with news of Louis Armstrong's triumphant invasion of Europe via the medium of jazz, can find no effective antidote for the slap in the face of Democracy delivered recently by voters in Virginia, "the birthplace of American presidents."

Virginia's plan to circumvent the Supreme Court decision against segregation in public schools, may inadvertently sound the death knell for the Voice of America; since this Democratic propaganda organ cannot hope to erase a nation's shame with a few hours of jazz music, and thousands of optimistic editorials.

What The People Say

Wants NAACP Fund
Dear Editor:

I might be a voice crying in the wilderness but after reading the various reports coming out of the deep South, I think that a million dollar Endowment Fund should be set up in the name of the NAACP of which this Organization would receive the interest returns off of this Endowment Fund.

The principal of this foundation could be distributed among the various government and state supervised banking institutions of the South operated by our people so as to help them lend money to worthy persons who cannot secure loans from white banks.

This drive could be sponsored by the Negro newspapers, bankers, associations, insurance companies of our race plus any other business or church leader.

If the white businessmen of Virginia can set up an Endowment Fund of over one million dollars to underwrite a graduate school of business at the University of Virginia, I cannot see why one million Negroes cannot put up \$1 Endowment Fund for the benefit of themselves through the NAACP plus it would help the banks of colored to aid victims of the White South reprisal. This drive could cover a period of two to four years. — Richard J. Roane, Richmond, Va.

From The Marines

Dear Editor:
The Marines Reserves at 500 W. 36th st., would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and readers for the fine sup-

port provided by your newspaper in our recent Toys for Tots program.

It would be unfair to emphasize the contributions of any individuals or organizations, but the heartwarming response of generous citizens made possible the collection and distribution of 150,000 toys in the Chicago area. — W. E. Stuenkel, Major, U. S. Marine Corps and Frank R. Anderson, Captain, U. S. Marine Corps.

Bad Crossing

Dear Editor:
I call your attention to a dangerous crossing at Madison and Woods sts., here in Chicago. Several pupils at Brown elementary school have narrowly escaped injury at the crossing.

Your influence should be used to get four-way stop signs at the intersection. — Edward Keef, 3234 Michigan.

Answers Poindexter

Dear Editor:
The letter signed Fred Poindexter, in one of your recent issues, is obviously the kind on which you intend to build a million-dollar plant and a daily newspaper. You favor only letters about Mississippi, and you do not care if they contain truth.

Compare this letter with Trumbull Park, Cicero, the Jim Crow I. C. railroad and Olivet's (Baptist church) Jim Crow President Special; or the riot in Chicago in 1917, because Negro boys, Till's age, went swimming in a white folk's swimming hole. — George B. Washington, Phoenix, Va.

Lest We Forget

Dear Editor:
This is to let you Negroes know what the score is.

To begin with a Negro is a black, stinking, immoral, criminally inferior, prejudiced, bigoted, lazy, inferior, second class citizen who belongs to an inferior race and is only worthy of such jobs as janitors and maids. Occasionally a worthwhile nigger is uncovered.

The race mixers are going to be consumed by the wrath of the superior whites in the next fifteen years and the blessings of segregation will be extended to Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and many other states. Please note I'm a Griffin and proud of it. — Chester Griffin, Atlanta, Ga.

Yes, He's Wrong

Dear Editor:
I noted an article that appeared in the San Antonio, News Jan. 5, in which the editor of the Charleston, (S. C.) News, Mr. Thomas R. Waring, gave five reasons for the South's opposition to integration. His five reasons were: 1. health; 2. home environment; 3. marital habits; 4. crime; 5. intellectual development.

Mr. Waring has painted a dark picture of the Negro in his article. However, he fails to show how he came to his conclusions. If he actually knows of such conditions existing in his state, why not try to eliminate them, instead of using them as an excuse to get around school integration? Personally, I doubt whether Mr. Waring can prove his statements. — D. Jones, San Antonio, Texas.

DARK SHADOWS

by Nat D. Williams

THAT'S THE WAY

Last week, here in the vicinity of Memphis, America and the world received a blue-print for the effective and amicable settlement of all matters of race relations.

A pattern was set which should receive the concentrated interest and study of all classes and colors of folk. It is a pattern which most nearly approximates the ideal of life in a democracy where individual worth is appreciated, regardless of race, creed, or color.

It happened like this: Three little colored boys were trapped in a burning house. A young white man, a student at Memphis State college, saw the fire and saw the situation of the three little boys. He rushed into the flames and rescued them. Then went on his way . . . but not until he had agreed to pose with the little tots for pictures which grateful folk wanted to take.

Second phase of the heartening picture came when the Elks' education department, led by quick-thinking Lt. George W. Lee (he also does a lot of deep-thinking), voted to award the young white college student, Johnny Roe, a \$1,000 scholarship to help him with his college education.

Herein lies the blue-print: Young Johnny Roe didn't stop to think about the race of those youngsters he went to rescue. He wasn't bothered about integration . . . even though he attends a school which has recently been the focal point of one of the integration skirmishes. He didn't falter in his immediate response to a human need . . . even at the risk of his own safety. He simply saw what he recognized as his duty and performed it. Nine cases out of ten he didn't have the remotest expectation of any kind of reward, whether in money or much praise.

But what he did was an individual thing which was good for his individual soul. From now on Johnny Roe will enjoy a fine satisfaction deep down inside for having lived up to what Christ meant when he said "Inasmuch as ye do unto the least of these . . ."

No doubt, Mr. Roe isn't interested in glowing words of praise. Words come easy. And no doubt he isn't too much interested in the monetary reward other than for what it indicates. He wasn't performing an act of human kindness and heroism for hire or hero-

worship. He acted too quickly to let all that go through his mind. Evidently Johnny Roe was moved by "something within" him that even he can't explain. Yet it worked for the benefit of so many so much. It helped more than the three small tots whose lives he saved. Its benefits spread all over the community.

It gave people something else to think about . . . something else to feel . . . something else to talk about . . . other than the tensions and passions stirred up currently by marauding circumstances. It was a clean breath of fresh air in a fetid room.

His act provided the air needed to stimulate the flow of gratitude in the hearts of the boys' parents . . . to stimulate the appreciation and gratitude of other members of the boys' race . . . to inspire the constructive and appreciative thinking of community leaders like Lt. George W. Lee, and his followers, the Beale Street Elks.

The Elks, with Lt. Lee of Memphis, as their national Grand Commissioner of Education, have already charted a course which promises much for American race relations, if consistently followed. They conduct national oratorical contests every year. The regional winners receive educational scholarships which enable them to receive a college education. Under Lt. Lee white students have won several of the scholarships in open competition with students of other races. And that is as it should be.

Increasingly, Negroes are beginning to realize that there are blue-prints ready at hand which point the way to win friends and influence people. It's a safe bet that most if not all of the white students who receive Elks scholarships will find much room in their hearts for friendship and appreciation for Negroes and other minority group members. Much good is bound to come from the Elks' impartial policy.

What the Elks have been doing, and what the Memphis Negro Elks did in the case of Mr. Roe help refute a long standing criticism of the Negro in general. That criticism is that Negroes are ungrateful and unappreciative for the friendship, good-will, and sacrifice their well-wishers make for them.



There are great dangers in a disillusioned and discontented youth. Youth is planting, growing time, also the beginning.

Old age is reaping time. One can only reap the yield from that which has been planted. The yield will be in proportion to the growth through cultivation.

Wise planters, aside from knowing the kind of seed to plant, must know the season in which to plant and know how to cultivate to get the desired yield. They know that weeds and grass will choke their plants to death or starve them so that they will not give forth the desired harvest. They plant in faith and with hopes for a harvest. They are willing to wait and wait for the harvest. Disillusionment and discontent do not enter the equation. Disillusionment and discontent are the weeds and the grass that keep youth from being fruitful.

The glitter of the seemingly great and that which is popular too often hypnotizes youth, there by, robbing youth of clear thinking, clean living and wise planning. That's disillusionment.

Disillusionment makes life sour for youth. A sour life is an unfruitful life. Disillusionment makes youth.

difficult. Discontentment makes youth dangerous. Difficult and dangerous individuals are liabilities to themselves and society.

Pleasure seeking without paying the check is the chief causes for the disillusionment and discontentment of youth. Pleasure does not satisfy, support or sustain. Pleasure is only a garnish. Pleasure is not a full meal. That is why it does not satisfy, support or sustain life.

Pleasure is like the meringue on the pie or the decorations on the walls of a home. It is dependent upon other supports for their longevity and beauty.

Youth's most fruitful attitude, also the best guarantee for good old age harvest lies in the ability to realize the facts of life that things are not pert, but have the faith and hope for a change for the better, also must be willing to work and wait for that change.

Work, hope, faith and patience are man's only roads to the fruits he seeks — which are security, pleasure and a healthy and peaceful life.

The time to remember and prepare is before the evil days come upon you. Sow good while it is for youth. A sour life is an unfruitful life. Disillusionment makes youth.

Reward For Defiance



LANGSTON Hughes

Hope Against Hope For 1956

Having lived 50 years, and realizing how futile it is in this world to hope for too much, I nevertheless hope against hope that on this earth during the year 1956:

OUR WHITE FOLKS WILL SEE THE LIGHT and we black folks will not seem so much of a dark problem to them, nor their democracy so much of a whitewash to us, nor progress in race relations continue to be such a see-saw when one end of democracy goes up and the other goes down. After nearly 100 years of Emancipation, it is about time to strike a balance. These things I hope for democracy's sake as much as mine — because our white folks are way behind.

ALSO I HOPE THAT ALL THE NEGROES WHO ARE FAIRLY SAFE FROM BODILY HARM IN TREES, AND ON RADIO AND TV "RHYTHM AND BLUES" PRO-GRAMS WILL CEASE. Religion is one thing. Night clubs serving whiskey and gin, theatres selling entertainment, and disc jockeys plugging records are quite something else. Besides, it's such bad taste making a production of religion, is public taste really that low? I hope not.

DOROTHY MAYNOR WILL MAKE SOME LONG PLAYING RECORD ALBUMS because I think she is a great singer. And SIDNEY POITIER WILL GET A ROLE in motion pictures because I know he is a fine actor — one of the best and most sympathetic thespians of color to come along since the late Canada Lee and EARTH KITT WILL GET A GREAT PART TO PLAY ON THE DRAMATIC STAGE because she is a great little actress.

PORGY AND BESS WILL EVENTUALLY END ITS WORLD TOUR and the fine company of actors and singers will come back home and put on a show that colored folks at home can cheer, too, and that does not open with an interminable crap game and whose leading lady does not have to stand

in Savannah which was a cross between a burlesque house and a vaudeville palace. My father used to take me there although I don't believe minors were allowed. The old man had such a volcanic temper that I am sure no one had the nerve to tell him to keep me home.

Anyway, I sat down in the Majestic the other night in a fine, non-discriminatory, orchestra seat and awaited the curtain with some misgivings. There is something wrong with my musical ear and I wondered how I would enjoy characters who have been associated with the Metropolitan. The program rubbed me the wrong way too because on the first page in big type was the following line: "In the event of an air raid alarm remain in your seats and obey the instructions of the management."

There were two other printed warnings on that first page too but they were concerned with fire. These were such happy notes. Shortly after the curtain went up all my restiveness disappeared. In my book it moved too slowly at first but the pace quickened and for the next couple of hours I forgot about everything but the future of a lass named Fanny about whose boyfriend was in love with whose boyfriend was in love with whose boyfriend was in love with

the sea. It took over two hours, two acts and 26 songs for Fanny to get some appreciation for the stage her wandering lover to come to from the non-white Pekin theatre his senses but she, with the help

of Ezio Pinza and Walter Slezak, finally got her man. Slezak's help was given reluctantly because he loved Fanny too but he was kind enough to drop dead before lover boy could get himself lost and everything turned out all right.

The real thrillers, of course, were Pinza and Slezak who delighted my bad ears with their songs and spoke their lines with mastery. In the midst of this enchantment there was a brother who danced like mad and was several times paired with one of the blondes in a manner that would have made the flesh of Sen. Bilbo creep.

The brother was dubbed "Colonial Soldier" and his name is Charles Blackwell. Incidentally, a Turkish dancing girl, Najla Ates, put on an act that Minsky would have loved. I suppose the race mixing was acceptable to the Southerners in the audience because the play was centered in Marseilles, and of course, you know those French.

Should they make this into a movie, you won't find any brother with his arms around red heads and blondes, even in Marseilles. Of course, the screen is a poor substitute for the stage anyway and every time I see a Broadway show I come out feeling like a heel for ever having gone to a movie. On the stage there is true vital life. I take Broadway and may heaven help Hollywood.

SO WHAT?



"YOU'RE GONNA EAT UP THE STREET? THIS I GOTTA SEE!"



STANDING IN FRONT of the Administration Building at the Memphis General Depot, Col. Ottmar F. Kotick and Jeff Taylor, of the engineer storage division, hold onto the plaque won by the division in the

Memphis Yule Lighting contest. Taylor supervised the designing and building of the decorations with assistance from Josephus Toney, right, of the Chemical Storage division, and Herbert Lester, not seen.

Looking on are Capt. Robert H. Tyer, assistant quartermaster supply officer; Lt. Col. Roscoe C. Holland, engineer supply officer, and Col. Willis G. Robbins, chemical supply officer. (Army Photo)

Nashville Kappas Hear Richardson And Honor Dr. Walker, Mr. Powell

By MABEL B. CROOKS

"We are living in a great period and each of us has a stake in the human rights program that is in progress," said Washington's Scovel Richardson here last week. The former Lincoln University Law School dean now with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., was Founders Day banquet speaker for Nashville's four Kappa Alpha Psi chapters at which time two local members—Dr. H. H. Walker and J. Ronald Powell—were honored. C. Rodgers Wilson of Chicago, Kappa Grand Polemarch, was present and also spoke.

"We men of Kappa Alpha Psi, said U. S. Parole Board Chairman Richardson, "must demonstrate our ability, willingness and courage to face up to our responsibility in this great era of transition from second class citizenship for some to first class citizenship for all people—to live and work with other people in an understanding to improve the lot of ourselves and others. . . . Kappas must man the watchtowers and be perceptive of the resulting overtones and undertones of our present transition."

150 KAPPAS
The 150 Kappas gathered in Nashville's Club Baron represented the Alumni, Tennessee State, Fisk and Meharry chapters. They sparked their celebration by honoring a local graduate and undergraduate members for outstanding worthwhile contributions. Dr. Walker, prominent Nashville physician and surgeon and a National Medical Association past president, whose professional and civic activities include several "firsts" in the South, was given the graduate member award. Powell, Southern California graduate and junior medical student at Meharry, received the undergraduate citation for "meritorious achievement" in leading his class for the past two years and maintaining such scholastic and general qualities that he has won numerous scholarships and honors at Meharry during the past three years.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Daniel T. Rolfe, Dean of medicine at Meharry was toast master. Dr. William L. Crump,

Kappa Journal editor, who is public relations director at Tennessee State, presented the citations and Dr. V. W. Henderson of Fisk University faculty, introduced Attorney Richardson. Tennessee State's Alpha Theta Chapter quartet sang. Jack O. Leflore of Knoxville, Provincial Polemarch; Ernest McNeil, Tennessee State; and Philip Dennis, Meharry, were program participants.

The coordinating committee included Dr. Vivian W. Henderson, chairman; Sherman Carter, Chauncey Daughterty, Frank L. Davis, Philip Dennis, Richelieu N. Johnson, Clyde M. Leathers, Elliott Seard, James R. Smothers, and Roosevelt Tillman.

Civic League To Hear Rev. Morgan, Jan. 24

The Hyde Park-Hollywood Civic league, which is currently seeking to raise \$3,000 to purchase property for a proposed community center, will have the Macedonia Baptist church, Rev. L. M. Morgan, as its guests at the Tuesday night, Jan. 24 meeting.

The meeting will be at the Summerfield Baptist church, beginning at 8 p.m.
Funds so far raised are insufficient to make a down payment on the property, an official stated. Suggestions are being welcomed from all sources.

Installation of officers will be held the following week, Monday night, Jan. 30, at the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist church, 1414 Davis. Springdale Baptist church will be guest of the league and the church pastor, Rev. W. T. Grafton will deliver the installation sermon. The installation begins at 8 p.m.

Production of potato chips in the U. S. has become so great that it is estimated those made in 1954 alone would fill the great Empire State building in New York to overflowing.

Memphian Supervises Grand Book Exhibit

"Two thousand books—more volumes than have ever been exhibited publicly on the Peninsula" were put on display recently at Hampton Institute's Huntington Children's Book Fair. The exhibition included one thousand children's books, and the remainder, adult books.

Mrs. Minnie R. Bowles, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Wilkins, of 571 Scott ave., here and head librarian at Hampton Institute, was general chairman.

After proclaiming a special day for future Book Bazaar Days and urging city-wide support of the fair, the Mayor said, "I approve and heartily endorse this period in which the selection, reading and ownership of good books will be brought to the attention of the public."

The fair was one of the ten which the Children's Book Council is sponsoring throughout the country. Council is composed of children's book editors from 60 publishing houses.

PETRY SPEAKS

A number of special features accompanied Hampton's book fair. Ann Petry, author of "The Street," delivered the opening address. She has gained national prominence, not only as a serious interpreter of Harlem and Connecticut life,

but also as a successful writer of books for juveniles. Hazel Wilson, children's author, reviewed her books. Rod Young's Puppet Parade was included among the major events.

A special feature which continued throughout the fair was a contest for children and adults, with books as prizes. Children were given a picture identification quiz; adults, a quotation quiz. More than 1000 school children visited the Book Bazaar on opening day.

GRAND VARIETY

Among other interesting activities was the children's story hour for preschool children and the lower grades, held by Ruth G. Kahn, well known children's author. Three films were shown at the library: "Making Books," for children and adults; "Impressable Years," and "Hansel and Gretel." Four Hampton Institute professors discussed "Comics and TV" on radio; while guest authors and Hampton Institute faculty members discussed "Books and Writing" on Television.

The books covered an infinite variety of subjects for children, with books for adults in an overwhelmingly wide range. In all it was a wonderful event!



SCOVEL RICHARDSON (center) Chairman of the U. S. Parole Board, who spoke at the Kappa Alpha Psi Founders

Banquet in Nashville last week, is shown congratulating Kappas Dr. H. H. Walker, left, and J. Ronald Powell who

were honored by the four local chapters of the Fraternity. (Photo by Clanton III)

C. Wartman To Direct Committee On Voting

The National Non-Partisan Committee for Registration and Voting announced this week the appointment of Charles J. Wartman, executive editor of the Michigan Chronicle as executive director. Announcement of the appointment was made by Louis E. Martin and Charles H. Mahoney, co-chairmen of the twenty-two member committee which was organized several months ago to formulate a program to stimulate registration for voting.

Mr. Martin, newspaper publisher, and Mr. Mahoney, president of the Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance company, who spearheaded the organization of the nationwide committee, announced the three-point purpose of the organization.

1. To encourage local non-partisan registration campaigns in every section of the United States.
2. To publicize the importance of the full, free exercise of the voting franchise by all Americans.
3. To work for the removal of all barriers to registration and voting that are based on racial or religious prejudice.

Wartman said the program of the committee will begin in January and will include activities ranging from essay contests for college students to dissemination of information to local groups who would like to know more about registration laws and regulations. Headquarters for the committee are at 268 Eliot, Detroit.

Memphis Ushers Give \$3,956

The East Memphis Ushers Union has reported raising and donating \$3,956.25 to various churches in 1955.

President of the strong organization is F. H. Hamilton. M. L. Cooke is reporter.

TEN TOP PERSONALITIES

Flora Nibley, Sammie Fields, Mattie P. Bland, Will Kincaid, Mary Bolden, Willie Mull, Vanessa Mann, Carey Becton, Gloria Demire, and Elbert Parrish.

Your Reporter Says, "See You Later Alligator, After While Crocodile."

Esso Grants \$57,500 To CollegeFund

NEW YORK — The Esso Education Foundation last week granted \$57,500 to the United Negro college fund to be distributed to its 31 institutions.

The grant was included in a \$1,067,900 contribution the foundation made to 226 colleges in the nation. The exact amount given to each school was not disclosed.

Some of the grants were restricted while others were unrestricted. Some 10 institutions including the University of Chicago, received a total of \$99,900 for research projects in the physical sciences.

The Esso foundation was organized by Standard Oil company (New Jersey) on Oct. 4, 1955.

Sammy Davis, Jr. Doubts He'll Find Right Girl

Every man needs a wife at his side, writes Sammy Davis, Jr., in the February EBONY. However, despite his observation he doubts that if he will ever find the right girl, chiefly because he is never invited to social functions unless he is expected to perform. He means the fact that he never meets the daughters of physicians and lawyers.

Sammy says that when he was having the hassle with the scandal sheet which attempted to link him romantically with Ava Gardner, he was pressured by many show producers to marry, if for no other reason than for appearance sake.

"I wouldn't prostitute myself to doing such a thing, nor would I do this to any girl," he writes. One thing he is definite about in the EBONY article is that he should he ever marry a white girl, he will be so well fixed financially that he can say, "If the Negro

people don't like it, than I'll get out of show business."

ALMOST DID IT

Sammy writes that the nearest he ever came to getting married was with Eartha Kitt back in 1953, when they were going together in San Francisco. The affair ended because of personality clashes. He found himself constantly trying to catch up with Eartha professionally and often trying to think of her as a human being. However, he believes he is a better person for having known the sultry actress.

Sammy doubts that Eartha will marry within the next five years, and even should she marry, he doubts if she'll ever fall completely in love with the man. Sammy ends his article on a wishful note. He writes: "I don't have a wife, but I'd love to have one."

There is no real lead in the so-called lead pencil.

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